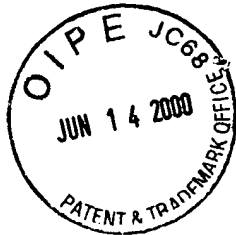


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In re the Application of

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Application No: 08/997,368

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For: PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRE FOR ALL-SEASON PASSENGER CAR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(c)

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Sir:

In response to the Brief on Appeal filed May 3, 2000, and further in view of the Advisory

Action dated June 1, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) In a pneumatic radial tire for all-season passenger car comprising; a tread with a tread pattern defined by dividing the tread into many blocks through a plurality of slant grooves arranged at given intervals in a circumferential direction of the tire and at least one circumferential center groove extending in the circumferential direction of the tire at a center portion of the pattern, and consisting of a central zone having a width corresponding to 30-60% of a tread width and a pair of side zones located on both sides of the central zone; wherein

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